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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement of July 27, 2006, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I (claims 1-22 and 26-35), drawn to a container. Additionally, with respect to the species identified by the Patent Office, Applicants elect Group B (Fig. 11-19) distinguished by the Office Action as having handle protrusions of different structure than Group A. Claims 1-16, 18-22, and 26-35 are believed readable upon elected Group B.

With respect to the species election, this election is made with traverse to the extent that it is understood that: (a) the requirement will be withdrawn upon the finding of an allowable genus; and (b) any species withdrawn from consideration will be transferred to the elected subject matter unless it is found patentably distinct from the elected or allowed claims.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue examination of any non-elected claims in continuation or divisional applications.

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